

BLAZING

COMICS

R.D.C.

APRIL

No. 6

10¢



FREE! Great New Popular Song!

LEARN PIANO

IN ONE WEEK!



Or Your Money Back!
Simplest Home Piano
Course Ever Offered
PLAY FROM
ACTUAL
SHEET MUSIC!

You don't have to know a single note of music. In one week you will play favorite melodies — WITH BOTH HANDS! Thousands of professional pianists have been trained this amazingly quick, simple way. Clear, exact illustrations and explanations. Read notes as musicians do! Surprise and delight your friends!

"SPARK SIMPLEX PIANO COURSE".....\$1.00

FREE GIFT! If you order the wonderful Simplex Piano Course at once, you will receive, **Absolutely Free**, the great new song, "Love Never Says Goodbye" (complete sheet music!). **SEND NO MONEY!** Simply pay postman \$1.00 on delivery, plus postal charges. (To save postage, however, enclose only \$1.00 with order.)

MONEY BACK GUARANTEE: If not satisfied after 3 days' trial, return both books and your money will be promptly refunded!

FILL OUT COUPON BELOW!

BOOGIE-WOOGIE

I S E A S Y !



IF YOU CAN
PLAY PIANO
AT ALL,
YOU CAN PLAY
BOOGIE-WOOGIE!

It's easy to learn how to beat out the hottest music your friends ever heard, in authentic Boogie-Woogie style! The "crawl," the "walking bass," the "cheed bounces"—all the wonderful tricks and rhythms of real Boogie-Woogie are made so delightfully simple that anyone can play them! A new and unusual book! **"BOOGIE-WOOGIE IS EASY".....\$1.00**

FREE GIFT! If you order "Boogie-Woogie Is Easy!" at once, you will receive, **WITHOUT CHARGE**, the great new song, "Love Never Says Goodbye" (complete sheet music!).

SEND NO MONEY! Simply pay postman \$1.00 on delivery, plus postal charges. (To save postage, however, enclose only \$1.00 with order.)

MONEY BACK GUARANTEE: If not satisfied after 3 days' trial, return both books and your money will be promptly refunded!

FILL OUT COUPON BELOW!

KNOW HOW TO FIGHT!

FOUR GREAT BOOKS THAT TEACH ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW!

All Three Books for Only \$1.00

POLICE JIU JITSU

\$1.00

As taught to the armed forces.
Tricks of leverage. Paralyzing nerve
centers. Conquer bullfash.

POLICE WRESTLING

\$1.00

Lifeth-knows holds and grips.
Skill vs. brute. Fair vs. foul.

SCIENTIFIC BOXING

\$1.00

Dist. fight training. K. O.
parachute. Bag rules. Illustra-
tive diagrams.

AMERICAN JUDO

\$1.00

A complete manual of the
most deadly fighting techniques
known to modern man!

SEND NO MONEY! Simply pay postman for books on delivery, plus postal charges. (To save postage, however, enclose cash with order.)

GUARANTEE: If not satisfied after 3 days' trial, return books and your money will be promptly refunded.

FILL OUT COUPON NOW!

ALBERT PUBLICATIONS, Gen. Co. Inc.
104 Fourth Avenue, New York 2, N. Y.

Question: Please rush me the books checked below. I will pay the postman for them as delivery, plus postal charges.

If you wish to save postage, enclose payment for the books ordered, in cash or money order. They will then be sent to you with all charges paid.

"Simplex Piano Course".....\$1.00 "Boogie-Woogie Is Easy!".....\$1.00

"Police Jiu Jitsu".....\$1.00 "American Judo".....\$1.00

"Police Wrestling".....\$1.00 "Dist. Fight Training".....\$1.00

"Scientific Boxing".....\$1.00 "K. O. Parachute".....\$1.00

French Self-Taught\$1.00 German Self-Taught\$1.00

Spanish Self-Taught\$1.00 Italian Self-Taught\$1.00

Polish Self-Taught\$1.00 Polish Self-Taught\$1.00

FREE with Piano or Boogie Woogie course: "Love Never Says Goodbye."

Name.....

Address.....

City..... State.....

NOTE: New postal rates have DOUBLED C.O.D. charges! Save by enclosing cash with order!

BLAZING COMICS, published monthly at 221, Cunningham Avenue, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., by Rural Home Publishing Co. of 2767 West Madison Street, Chicago, Ill., U. S. A. Subscription price \$1.20 yearly in the U. S. Single copy 10¢. Enclosed as second class matter at the post office at Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

under the Act of March 3, 1879. Copyright 1945 by ENWIL ASSOCIATES INC. No actual person is named or delineated in this magazine except historical personages. Printed in U.S.A. Vol. II, No. 3, April, 1945. Advertising Representative: Universal Comic Group, 15 East 40th Street, New York City.

HYPNOTISM!

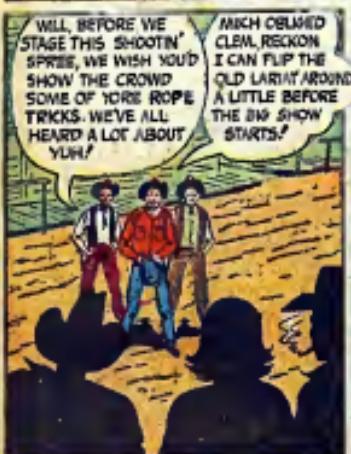
Hypnotism is not some natural power that is born in you, as old-fashioned folks used to believe. Learn how to focus and control your mind's mind, so that he must obey your every command! Know how to control others subconsciously! **Lessons in Hypnotism.....\$1.00**

SEND NO MONEY! Simply pay postman for delivery, plus postal charges. (To save postage, however, enclose cash with order.)

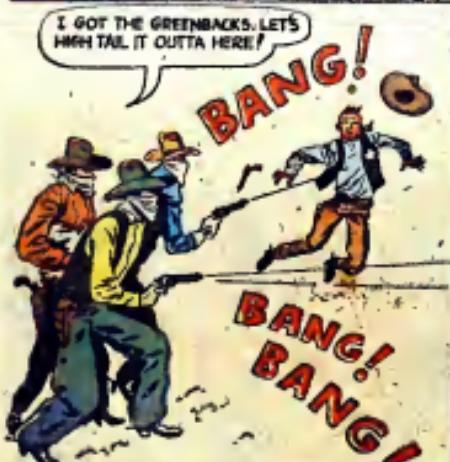
GUARANTEE: If not satisfied after 3 days' trial, return book and your money will be promptly refunded!

WILL ROGERS

WHEN AMERICA'S
MOS T FAMOUS
COMBOY ARRIVED
IN LOBO RIDGE,
LITTLE DID HE
REALIZE HOW
SOON HE WOULD
BE PARTICIPATING
IN THE VERY SHOW
HE HAD BEEN INVITED TO SEE...
RISKING HIS LIFE
TO SOLVE THE
"AMBUSH
FROM
NOWHERE"



WILL ROGERS



WILL ROGERS

BUT AS WILL REACHES THE STRUGGLING BANDIT A SHOT RINGS OUT!

A SHOT! THIS GUY'S A GONER NOW!

BANG!

AGGGHHH

THUD!

SOMEBODY IN THE CROWD SHOT HIM, WILL! THEY WAS KILLING AROUND SO MUCH I DIDN'T SEE WHO FIRED!

WHOMEVER DID I SURE WANTED TO CLOSE THIS BOY'S MOUTH! IT WORKED, TOO, CAUSE HE'S PLUMB DEAD NOW!

SO IS THE SHERIFF? CLEM AND ME KIN ORGANIZE A POSSE AND GO AFTER THEM KILLERS! WE KNOW EVERY HIDEOUT IN THESE HILLS!

COUNT ON ME TO GO ALONG WITH YEH! I DON'T COTTON TO GUN-PLAY, BUT MEIRSE MY LARIAT CAN DO SOME GOOD WITH THOSE SIDEWINDERS!

IN A SHORT TIME A POSSE OF GRIM-FACED MEN WAS HEADED FOR THE HILLS.

BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE OUTLAWS ROAMED THESE PARTS, BUT I RECKON ME AND CY REMEMBER ENOUGH TO TRACK THESE MAVERICKS DOWN!

WE'LL GET 'EM! THEY GOT A HEAD START, BUT THERE AINT BUT A FEW PLACES THEY KIN GO!



AT NIGHTFALL THEY CAMPED IN THE WOODS.

WE'LL GIT AFTER 'EM AT DAWN! DON'T RECKON THEY KIN MOVE AROUND MUCH IN THE DARK! THERE'S A LOT OF DANGEROUS RAVINES HEREABOUTS!



THAT'S A GOOD FIRE, CY!

YEP, GUESS I AINT LOST ANY O' MY OLD SKILL. BACK IN THE OLD DAYS, A MAN'S LIFE SOMETIMES DEPENDED ON HOW GOOD HE COULD MAKE A FIRE!



SOMEBODY SHOT, CLEM!

BANG!

LOOK OUT!



WILL ROGERS

HES DONE FOR!
IT GOT HIM RIGHT
THROUGH THE
HEART!

THE SHOT
SEEMED
TO COME
FROM THAT
DIRECTION!
LET'S GO!

ARE YA SURE
THE SHOT CAME
FROM HERE,
WILL?

I THINK IT
DID! WHY?

BECAUSE OF THIS CLIFF
FACE, JUST A FEW YARDS
FROM WHERE WE WERE
SITTIN'! THE CLIFF CIRCLES
AROUND THE CAMP SITE,
SO IF ANYBODY WAS HERE
HED HAVE TO COME
PAST US!

YORE RIGHT,
CY! AND WE
DIDN'T SEE ANY-
ONE! NOW WHERE
DID THAT SHOT
COME FROM?



BEAT'S ME WILL!
THERE AINT ANYBODY
HERE...BUT OLD CLEM
IS DEAD JUST THE
SAME!

HE WWS AMBUSHED
FROM NOWHERE! IT'S
IMPOSSIBLE...AND YET
IT HAPPENED!

ALL WE CAN DO IS SEND
CLEM'S BODY BACK TO TOWN
WITH ONE OF THE BOYS! I'LL
LEAD THE POSSE AFTER THEM
COYOTES TOMORROW!

THERE'S BEEN ENOUGH
KILLIN'! WEVE GOT TO
GET THOSE SNAKES....
AND FAST!

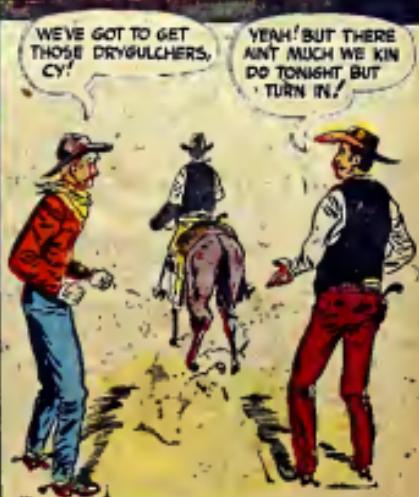


TAKE CLEM'S BODY TO MARTY
CORBIN'S UNDERTAKING PARLOR
AND THEN TELL CLEM'S FAMILY
THE BAD NEWS!

I SAVVY, BUT
IT'S A JOB I AINT
GONNA LIKE!

WE'VE GOT TO GET
THOSE DRYGULCHERS,
CY!

YEAH! BUT THERE
AINT MUCH WE KIN
DO TONIGHT BUT
TURN IN!



WILL ROGERS



WILL ROGERS

I DID IT! NOW TO MAKE THAT BLANKET ROLL MOVE ALONG THE GROUND!

GREAT! MY GUN-HAPPY FRIEND, WHOEVER HE IS, THINKS THAT BLANKET IS ME!

IN THE SEMI-DARKNESS WILL SEES HIS UNKNOWN ASSAILANT SWING ONTO A HORSE...

WILL! WE HEARD SHOOTIN'! WHAT'S UP?

NO TIME FOR PALMER, BOYS! I GOT A COONIE TO CATCH!

I CAN'T SEE HIM, BUT I HEAR HIM UP AHEAD THERE! I WISH I COULD HAVE RUNG THE POSSE IN ON THIS, BUT THERE'S NO TELLIN' WHO I CAN TRUST!

CAN'T SAY AS I LIKE MAKIN' A MOVIN' TARGET OF MYSELF, BUT IT'S THE ONLY WAY TO GET THE HOMBRES WHO KILLED CLEM AND THE SHERIFF!

BANG! BANG!

HE'S LEAVING HIS HORSE TO GO INTO THE WOODS ON FOOT! RECKON I'LL DO THE SAME!

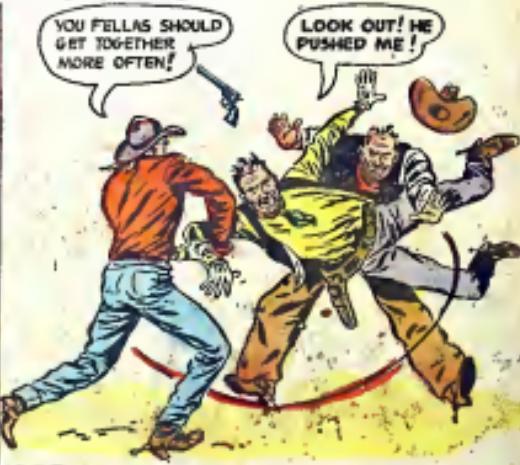
ALONE AND ON FOOT WITH ONLY HIS KEEN EARS AS A GUIDE, WILL STAYS GROANLY ON THE TRAIL OF THE UNKNOWN GUNMAN...

I'VE GOT TO WATCH MY STEP! HE KNOWS THIS COUNTRY BETTER THAN I DO!

WILL ROGERS



WILL ROGERS



QUICKLY GRABBING HIS DROPPED LARIAT, WILL TIES THE STRANDED OUTLAWS TOGETHER...

I FIGURE YO'RE THE OTHER TWO OF THE THREE THAT KILLED THE SHERIFF YESTERDAY! NOW I'M GOIN' AFTER THE POLECAT THAT LED ME INTO THAT TRAP!

-I KNOW THERE'S ANOTHER ONE OF EM BECAUSE I HEARD HIM TELL THEM TO SHOOT ME! HE'S AROUND HERE SOMEPLACE AND IT'S DAYLIGHT, SO MEBBE I CAN CORRAL HIM!

SURE ENOUGH, THERE HE IS! HIDING BEHIND THAT BOULDER! HOW CAN I GET HIM WITHOUT A GUN...?

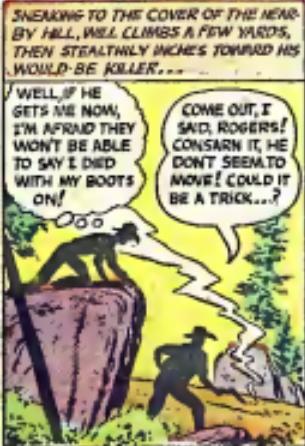


GIVE UP, ROGERS! NEXT TIME YOU MAKE A BREAK FOR IT I'LL PLUG YAH!

RECKON HE WILL,
TOO! HIS SHOTS WERRA
NIPPIN' AT MY HEELS
A MOMENT AGO!
HEELS! HEY, MEbbe
THAT'S IT!



WILL ROGERS



THE END

WILL ROGERS

COWBOY HATS



THE WIDE BRIM ACTS AS A SUNSHIELD. THE LARGE CROWN ALLOWS FOR PLENTY OF AIR SO THE COWBOY'S HEAD DOESN'T GET TOO HOT. IN AN EMERGENCY THE HAT COULD BE USED AS A WATER PAIL!



MODERN RODEO COWBOYS WEAR DISTINCTIVE HATS, EACH INDIVIDUALLY SHAPED.



THROWN AROUND WITH A BELT, THE HAT IS THEN LEFT IN THE OPEN FOR THE SUN AND WIND TO DRY AND MOLD IT!

A FEW FINISHING TOUCHES AND THE HAT IS READY FOR WEAR! THE OWNER IS "RIGHT PROUD" OF HIS OWN CREATION.



WILL ROGERS

WILL ROGERS

in "GUNS ON DEVIL'S PASS"

BANG!



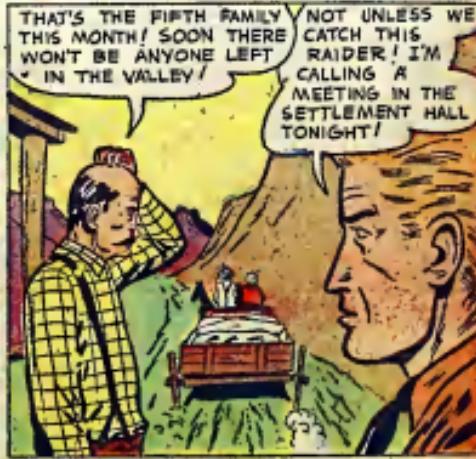
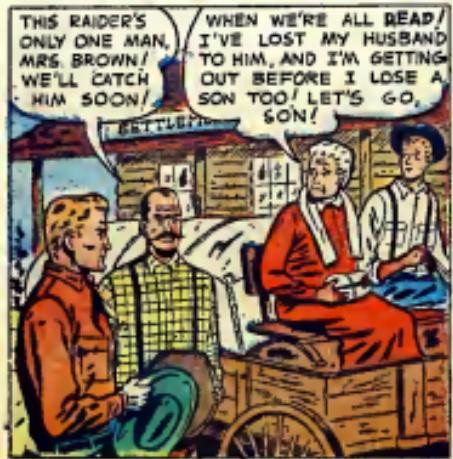
HATED BY THE DREADED NIGHT RAIDERS, SUSPECTED BY THE VERY PEOPLE HE TRIES TO HELP, AND WITH THE SHADOW OF A HANGMAN'S NOOSE OVER HIS HEAD, WILL ROGERS FINDS HIMSELF HARRIED FROM ALL SIDES AND THE TARGET FOR ALL THE MANY GUNS ON DEVIL'S PASS!

ON A FARMING SETTLEMENT NEAR DEVIL'S PASS

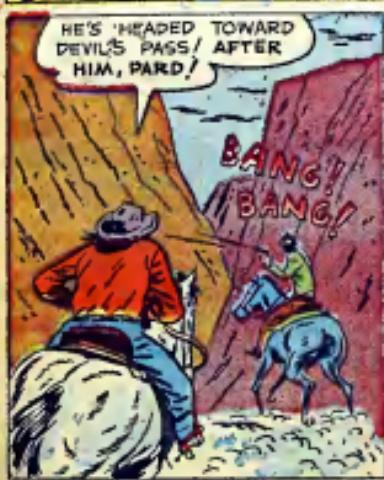


WILL ROGERS

BUT THE NEXT DAY AS THE FARMER STARTS TO REBUILD HIS CABIN...



WILL ROGERS



WILL ROGERS

YOU GOT THE WRONG MAN, BOYS! THE FELLOW YOU WANT JUST....

SAVE IT STRANGER! THAT HOOD'S ENOUGH EVIDENCE FOR ME!



LET'S STRING HIM UP!

WAIT! I ROPE THAT WAGON BACK THERE AND PULLED IT OUT OF THE WAY! MY ROPE'S STILL ON IT!

IT IS FUNNY THAT WAGON MISSED BOY'S! LET'S LOOK AT IT BEFORE WE DO ANYTHING! HE MAY BE INNOCENT!



IF THERE WAS A ROPE ON THAT WAGON, YEH COULDN'T TELL IT NOW! BUT I DOUBT THERE WAS ONE! LYNCH HIM, I SAY!

NO! WE'RE GIVING HIM A TRIAL! LET'S GO BACK TO THE HALL!



BUT I TELL YOU MY NAME'S WILL ROGERS! I JUST ROPE IN BY THE NORTH TRAIL WHEN...

ALL RIGHT, STRANGER I'LL TRY TO HOLD THE BOYS, UNTIL WE CHECK YOUR STORY, BUT I CAN'T PROMISE ANYTHING!



SOMETIME LATER...

WELL, YOU GOT YOURSELF INTO SOMETHING THIS TIME, WILL ROGERS! IF ONLY THOSE... WHAT'S THAT?

PEST! THEY INSIDE THERE!



WHO--? SHH! I'M CLYDE SARLES! I SAW YOU SAVE US BY ROPE THAT WAGON, BUT THE BOYS ARE SO WORKED UP ABOUT THIS RAIDER, THEY WON'T LISTEN TO ME!



THEY FIGURE ON NOW WAIT, LYNCHIN' YOU, AND SARLES, YOU GOTTA GET OUT OF HERE! I DON'T WANT... GRAB THIS ROPE!



WILL ROGERS

NO TIME TO ARGUE, ROGERS! FASTEN THIS ROPE TO THE BARS!

ALL RIGHT, ROGERS, COME OUT, AND WE'LL MAKE TRACKS!

CRACK!

WE'LL LOSE 'EM! FOLLOW ME, ROGERS!

AFTER 'EM, BOYS! THERE ARE TWO OF 'EM!



AND SOMETIME LATER...

THAR THEY GO! WE'RE SAFE HYAR!

YOU GOT US AWAY FAST, SARLES! YOU KNOW THESE HILLS WELL!

ALMOST TOO WELL FOR A FARMER!



TELL ME, WHO IS THIS RAIDERS?

NOBODY KNOWS! HE'S TRYIN' TO DRIVE THE FARMERS OUT OF HERE, BUT... WELL, HE'S NO CATTLEMAN, AND THE LANDS NOT TOO VALUABLE...



JUST WHY'S A MYSTERY! BUT WE WON'T SOLVE IT HERE! I'M GOING BACK TO THE SETTLEMENT BEFORE I'M MISSED! THERE'S BLANKETS ON YOUR HORSE!

THANKS, SARLES! BUT I DON'T SEE WHY YOU RISK YOUR NECK FOR ME!

I DON'T LIKE LYNCHINGS, YUH CAN BUNK HYAR UNTIL WE GET PROOF TO CLEAR YUH! I'LL BRING GRUB TOMORROW! ADIOS!



WILL ROGERS

SHORTLY AFTERWARDS, THE SETTLEMENT MEN HAVE GIVEN UP THEIR SEARCH FOR WILL AND ARE RETURNING TO THE HALL...

COULDN'T FIND HIM IN THOSE HILLS! HIS ESCAPING'S PROOF HE'S THE RAIDER, AND IF YOU NEED MORE LOOK!

SOON AS HE'S LOOSE TROUBLE STARTS AGAIN! HE'S CIRCLED BACK AND FIRED THE HALL!

DON'T LET HIM GET AWAY AGAIN, MEN!



MEANWHILE WILL HAS JUST SETTLED FOR THE NIGHT! BUT.....

SHOTS! AND A GLOW IN THE SKY! I'M BETTING A GOOD ROPE IT'S THE RAIDER AGAIN!

LAST TIME I CHASED HIM, HE HEADED FOR DEVIL'S PASS! FROM THE SOUND OF THOSE SHOTS HE'S HEADED THERE AGAIN! WE'RE GOING TO BLOCK THIS END OF THE PASS, PARD!



A SHORT WHILE LATER, AT ONE END OF THE PASS.

A FIRE HERE WILL STOP HIM, WHILE WE GET UP ONTO THE LEDGE ABOVE!

GUessed IT RIGHT! NOW TO PUT A ROPE OVER THIS HOMBRE!

FIRE! WHAT THE--



WILL ROGERS

THAT FELLOW WITH
HIS ROPE AGAIN!
WELL HE HASN'T
GOTTEN ME YET!

I'M LOOSE, BUT TRAPPED!
THERE'S ONLY ONE THING
TO DO!

BANG!
BANG!

HE'S GOING RIGHT THROUGH
THE FIRE! COME ON, PARD,
WE'LL TRY TO HEAD
HIM OFF!

BUT BY THE TIME WILL IS OFF THE
LEDDGE.....

LOST HIM! HE'S THROUGH
THE FIRE AND GONE! MIGHT
AS WELL RETURN TO THE CAVE
BEFORE THE FARMERS COME
AFTER ME AGAIN!

BUT NO SOONER HAS WILL RETURNED TO THE CAVE
THAN.....

ROGERS, THE RAIDER'S
STRUCK AGAIN! THEY'RE COMING
THE HILLS THOROUGHLY! YOU'VE
GOT TO GET OUT!

SARLES!
WELL, I
DON'T LIKE
RUNNING...

BUT YOU'VE GOT TO!
I JUST LEFT THEM,
AND THEY... WHAT
ARE YOU LOOKING AT?

ER, NOTHING,
SARLES! I.... I
GUESS YOU'RE
RIGHT! I'LL
SADDLE MY
HORSE!

AS WILL TURNS HIS BACK.....



WILL ROGERS



THE LAST DANCE

SHERIFF Pyne tilted back in his chair, sucking meditatively on his pipe. Plumes of smoke wreathed his gnarled old features like ghostly figments of the memories he was trying to recall.

"Yep," he nodded in my direction, "I've been sheriffin' here in Stillwater Gulch for quite a spell. There was a time I'd have called a man plumb loco if he'd have bet me this town would ever be peaceful and orderly the way you see it now. Men was a law unto themselves back in the days when I first pinned on my badge."

I waited patiently, not saying anything, anxious not to interrupt the sequence of the old man's thoughts. I waited so long, in fact, I began to wonder if maybe he'd fallen asleep in his reverie when a throaty chuckle reassured me.

"Guess I haven't told you the story of Bart Hollins and Prairie Rose," he speculated.

"No," I encouraged him. "I'd like to hear."

"Well, as I recollect, Bart Hollins was one of the meanest, toughest cusses that ever packed a six-shooter. He gave me a lot of trouble when he came to Stillwater Gulch figgerin' to show us all who was runnin' the town. Never could seem to get anything on him, and when I finally did, he bought off the court. I got Prairie Rose to thank that Bart finally cashed in his chips. 'Course, I never did get around to thankin' her. She cashed in her own at the same time!"

"Go on," I prodded gently. "Tell me what happened."

The old man settled in his chair and grinned at me. "I'll never forget the day Prairie Rose hit town. She was a dancer and the menfolk around here went hog-wild. You would've too, youngster, only you don't see gals like that any more."

"Well, like I said, Prairie Rose was a dancer.

We knew all about her comin' in advance, 'cause her brother came ahead to put up the posters and make arrangements for the show.

"He was a dude-dressin', slick city operator who figgered the rest of us for a bunch of yokels. But he had the misfortune to sit in on a card game with Bart Hollins and his boys. He never got up. They carried him out feet first with Bart claimin' he'd caught him cheatin' and even worse, than that—molasses on the draw!

"Bart was used to havin' his way, with the women around Stillwater Gulch but even he'd never run up against a filly as platty and provocative as Prairie Rose. I used to see him eyein' the posters and the day she arrived, he was down to the stagecoach to welcome her personally.

"Bart's big chance came the night Prairie Rose gave her first performance. Another gun-hung hombre, Chet Clay, got so beside himself he leaped up on the stage and began molestatin' the girl. Bart went up after him to defend her and killed Chet in a shootout. Nothin' I could do. He claimed self-defense and likewise that Chet was botherin' a lady. The lady, naturally, couldn't do nothin' herself but agree to meet Bart after the show.

"You can imagine how hornsawgoggled I was when Prairie Rose came to see me personally before she went off to keep her appointment with Bart. Somebody had let her know that he was the man who'd killed her brother which she hadn't known up until then.

"So between us, we figgered out a plan calculated to decoy Bart Hollins right into the hangman's noose. She was supposed to meet Bart at her place in half an hour. Meanwhile, I was to lend her a deputy right away and break into her room exactly an hour from then.

"Tad Jones went with her and the idea was for them to be kissin' and such like when Bart came in. Well, I got there early but even then it was too late. Bart had already shot and killed Jones. He would've swung for that, all right, 'ceptin' that along with pleadin' self-defense, he also bought off the court and walked out scot free.

"There wasn't no holdin' Bart down after that. He raised a ruckus like nobody'd ever seen before, drinkin' and fightin' and payin' public court to Prairie Rose.

"Finally there wasn't any way out except for Prairie Rose to try and lull his suspicions by agreein' to keep company with him. So they kept



on celebratin' together till Bart went broke and had to try and raise some cash.

"Just my tellin' you about Bart, you can imagine how he went about it. Cattle rustlin' was one of his sidelines and mighty sudden-like he turned up again with a bulgin' poke. This time he was so set up with himself, he promised to make an honest woman out of Prairie Rose. He figured he could handle one more dishonest deal without crowdin' his luck, then the two of them would head back East.

"Course, where Bart made his mistake was in trustin' a woman with his plans. Particularly a woman like Prairie Rose who was only bidin' her time till she could see him danglin' at the end of a rope.

"This was just the chance she was waitin' for, and one night she crept down to my office to give me the location of his next cattle rustlin' deal. Well, to make a long story short, we gave Bart Hollins a hot reception, but the story itself doesn't end right there.

"For a while it appeared like Bart was just too stubborn even to die. There were more bullets inside him than you could have counted but still he sat his horse and broke away. He had only one thing on his mind—that was to see Prairie Rose once more before he went on to Boot Hill.

"Guess I'll never forget that last meetin' they had . . . Bart staggerin' weak and dyin' into the theatre where Prairie Rose was dancin'. Course everything stopped dead when people saw the shape he was in. What with the silence and all, you'd have thought they were the only two people in the hall.

"Then Prairie Rose started to laugh, and kept on laughin', tellin' Bart how she'd told me where to find him and how she'd finally gotten even for her brother's death. She told him as how she was glad he was croakin' and how she'd go on livin' high, wide and handsome on the money he'd left in her care.

"She didn't figger on retribution comin' her way, too . . . at any rate, not just then. Fact is that none of us did. And I can still hear Bart Hollin's dyin' words to this day, that he was havin' the *last dance*!

"By the time we got to her, Prairie Rose was dead of the last shot Bart Hollins ever fired. It took only the one bullet, straight through the heart.

"Well, that's the story, son. She'd been livin' off the stolen money Bart Hollins had given her, so I guessed that justice paid off two ways. But like I said in the beginnin', you can see how I can't exactly take the credit for riddin' Stillwater Gulch of Bart Hollins and Prairie Rose."

WILL ROGERS

IN THE MYSTERY OF THE VANISHING STAGECOACHES



WILL ROGERS

A FEW DAYS LATER A SMILING, SUN-TAILED COUPONE GALLOPED INTO TOWN ON A DUST-COVERED PONY...



WILL ROGERS

TWO QUARTS OF MILK LATER, WILL'S FRIEND TOLD HIM WHY HE'D BEEN SENT FOR...

...AND THAT'S THE STORY, WILL! WE WANT YOU TO TAKE THE JOB AS SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR!

WILL YOU TAKE IT, MR. ROGERS?

NO, BOYS!

I DON'T LIKE WORK WITH HIGH-FALUTIN' TITLES! BUT IF YOU ALLOW ME TO HIRE ON AS A STAGE-DRIVER ON THE NEXT RUN I'LL TRY TO SOLVE YOUR MYSTERY!

BUT, WILL... THAT MEANS ALMOST CERTAIN DEATH!



THE NEXT STAGE RUN WAS A WEEK AWAY AND WILL SURPRISED HIS FRIENDS BY BRAGGING TO ALL THE RANNIES AND LINE-RIDERS...



SURE AM! BIG GOLD SHIPMENT! BUT DON'T WORRY... I'LL GET IT THROUGH!

GOLD, EH? THAT'S MIGHTY INTERESTIN'

ALL WEEK WILL ROGERS BOASTED ABOUT RIDING OUT ON THE STAGE AND THE GOLD HE WAS GOING TO HU...



WHEN SUNDAY FINALLY ROLLED AROUND THE WHOLE TOWN KNEW WHAT WILL WAS CARRYING AND THEY GATHERED TO SEE THE MAN WHO WAS FOOL ENOUGH TO DRIVE A STAGE ON THE ROAD OF NO RETURN...

ARE YOU S-SURE IT WILL B-BE SAFE, DARNIT? I'M SO SCARED BUT I MUST TAKE THIS TRIP!

WITH ME PULLIN' THE LEATHER, MISTER, YOU'RE AS SAFE AS A NEW-BORN CALF IN A MEADOW!



WITH A LUSTY WHOOP, WILL ROGERS BROKE HIS TEAM OF HORSES INTO A WILD GALLOP AND THE STAGECOACH RUMBLED OUT OF TOWN IN A BLOWIN' OF DUST...



WILL ROGERS

TWO HOURS OUT OF CLAREMORE,
THE PRETTY YOUNG THING IN THE
STAGE CALLED OUT TO WILL...



SHUCKS, MISS,
YOU AIN'T GOT NO
CRUISE TO FEAR
WITH ME AN' MY
SHOTGUN RION'
THIS WAGON!

THIS BIG GUN
MUST BE IN
YOUR WAY...
LET ME
HOLD IT!

ALL RIGHT, MISS!
MIGHTY NICE OF
YOU... BUT KEEP
IT READY FOR
ACTION!



IT IS READY, MISTER,
AND MY TRIGGER-FINGER
HASN'T GOT A CONSCIENCE!
NOW TURN OFF THE ROAD AT
THAT BIG CLUMP OF CACTUS
AND KEEP ROLLIN'!

WHAT
TH--?!

OH, MISS...
YOU'RE HOLDIN'
A MIGHTY
POWERFUL
CONVICER!



AFTER A LONG RUGGED RIDE OVER ROCKY TERRAIN, THE YOUNG
LADY JABS WILL'S RIBS WITH THE SHOT-GUN, AND...



NOW TOSS DOWN
THAT STRONGBOX,
MISTER... PRONTO!

YOU'RE SURE FULL OF
CUTE TRICKS, LADY,
BUT THE ONE I'M
HANKERIN' TO SEE
IS WHERE YOU MAKE
THE STAGE DISAPPEAR!



I WON'T DISAPPOINT
YOU, SNOOPER! ROLL
BACK THAT ROCK!

SURE, BUT I CAN'T
SEE HOW...
JUMPIN' JERKS!
THE SIDE OF THE
MOUNTAIN IS
OPENIN' UP!



WILL ROGERS

SLOWLY, A HUGE DOOR BUILT OF WOOD AND IRON TO LOOK LIKE A PART OF THE MOUNTAIN, OPENED AND WILL SAW A SIGHT WHICH FROZE THE BLOOD IN HIS VEINS...

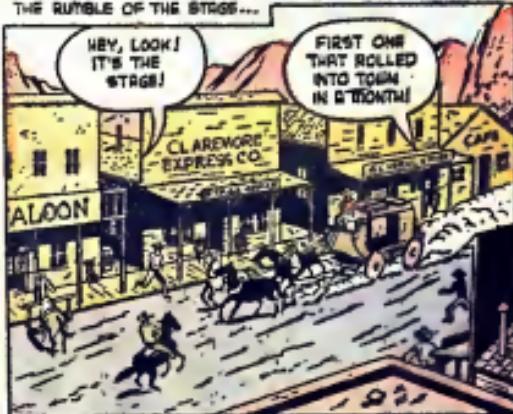
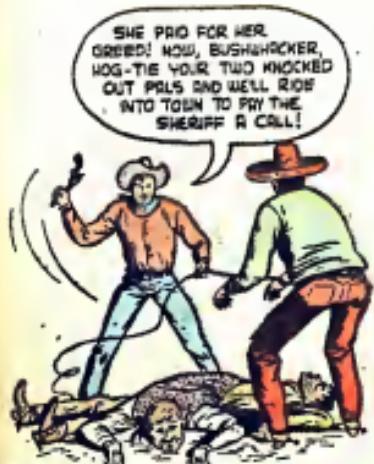


WILL ROGERS



WILL ROGERS

TOWARD EVENING TIME, IN WILL WROXED INTO CLAREMORE AND THE WHOLE TOWN TURNED OUT WHEN THEY HEARD THE RUMBLE OF THE STAGE...



WILL ROGERS

FLYING EAGLE

and the RACE OF DEATH



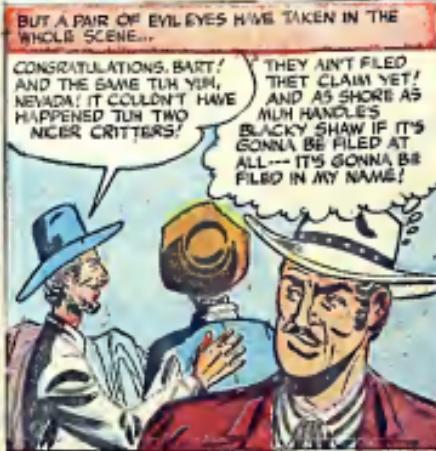
AND THE VULTURES ALREADY HEARD THAT REBEL YELL OF YOURN! IF THAT'S A CROOK AMONG 'EM, THE COYOTE'LL BE HEADING' FOR THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE AS FAST AS HIS FEET KIN CARRY HIM!

HOW'S ABOUT IT, FLYING EAGLE? WILL YUH STAKE THE CLAIM FOR US?

YOU MEN, MADE THE GOLD STRIKE AND THE REWARD SHOULD BE YOURS!



WILL ROGERS



WILL ROGERS





THIS GIANT, 30-MILE-RANGE, 4-FOOT SUPER-TELESCOPE

Brings distant objects close to your eyes!

NOW—SEE GREAT OR SHORT DISTANCES—with CLOSE-UP DETAIL!

FREE CARRYING CASE
WITH YOUR ORDER

The GIANT SUPER-TELESCOPE has three precision-ground highly polished lenses. It extends to 4 feet in length, giving clear focus. It is light in weight, sturdy and handsomely constructed, with a wide magnification field. You don't have to know anything about telescopes to use it. Simply hold it to your eye, extend the eyepiece, and all the wonders of telescopic vision will be close up to your eyes. Folds for easy carrying. Because of mass production economies, we offer this telescope at an unbelievably low price. See birds, bird games, sporting events, ships and planes, in full detail. See people when they cannot see you. See wild life, mountains, the beauty in their full natural beauty detail. The price of the GIANT SUPER-POWERED TELESCOPE is \$15.00 with this introductory offer. Most telescopes of this lens construction and size sell up to \$15.00. We cannot assure you that the supply will last so you must act fast!

5 DAYS FREE TRIAL— RUSH COUPON

Just send coupon with \$3.00 and get your GIANT TELESCOPE and FREE CARRYING CASE postage paid. If you prefer, just send coupon with no money and get your C.O.D. of \$2.95 plus new C.O.D. and postage charges. Use it for 5 days and if you are not satisfied, return it and your purchase price will be refunded. Send coupon today! INVENTION CO., P.O. Box 281, Church St. Annex, New York 8, N. Y.



SPECIAL TELESCOPE OFFER!

Here is the most remarkable offer that we have ever made. Now you can see most everything you want to see! Now you can bring distant objects so clearly close to your eye that they will seem almost near enough to touch. Why feel frustrated and baffled by something far away that you want to see in full detail. Why be limited in your vision when you can multiply it 13 to 15 times with the amazing 3 super-powered lenses in this GIANT telescope. Quickly overcome the handicap of distance... the magnification does it like magic. This new telescopic invention is a miracle of mass production economy and engineering ingenuity. Made of available war-time materials, it is the equal in performance of telescopes that sell for as much as \$15.00. Think of the wonderful fun you can have by extending your vision 30 miles in full, clear detail. Read on for full explanation of this really remarkable invention.

This beautiful, military-looking carrying case is yours absolutely FREE with this offer. It is made of heavy canvas that fits over the telescope, making it easy to carry and protect it from dust, dirt and rain. Top features by a design engineer, and can be secured easily, comfortably around your wrist. Carrying case absolutely FREE with order so send coupon today.

INVENTION COMPANY, Dept. T-2504

P.O. Box 281, Church Street Annex
New York 8, N. Y.

I am enclosing \$3.00. Send me TELESCOPE and FREE CARRYING CASE immediately. You pay postage. I can return in 5 days for full refund if I am not completely satisfied.

Send C.O.D. I will pay postman \$2.95 plus new C.O.D. and postage charges on arrival. (Same money back guarantee as above).

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY & ZONE _____ STATE _____

New ENLARGEMENT

3¢
STAMP



Just to Get Acquainted We Will Beautifully Enlarge Your Favorite Snapshot, Photo, Kodak Pictures, Print or Negative to 5 x 7 Inches If You Enclose the Coupon and a 3 Cent Stamp for Return Mailage!

Everyone admires pictures in natural colors because the surroundings and loved ones are so true to life, just the way they looked when the pictures were taken, so we want you to know also about our gorgeous colored enlargements. Think of having that small picture or snapshot enlarged to 5 by 7-inch size so that the details and features you love are more life-like and natural.

Over one million men and women have sent us their favorite snapshots and pictures for enlarging. Thousands write us how much they also enjoy their remarkably true-to-life, natural colored enlargements we have sent them in handsome black and gold, or ivory and gold frames.

You are now given a wonderful opportunity to receive a beautiful enlargement of your cherished snapshot, photo or Kodak picture. Please include the color of hair and eyes and get our new bargain offer giving you your choice of handsome frames with a second enlargement beautifully hand tinted in natural lifelike oil colors and sent on approval. Your original is returned with your enlargement. This amazing enlargement offer is our way of getting acquainted and letting you know the quality of our work. Send today as supplies are limited.

DEAN STUDIOS, Depthless, 211 W. 7th St., Des Moines, Iowa

Enclose this coupon with your favorite snapshot, picture or negative and send to DEAN STUDIOS, Depthless, 211 W. 7th St., Des Moines, Iowa.

Name _____ Color of Hair _____
Address _____ Color of Eyes _____
City _____ State _____

NEW True-Love and Friendship



PENDANT HEART DESIGN

What makes both the ring and the matching earrings so unusual and attractive is the twin Starting Line Pendant hearts that dangle daintily from the top of the ring and the top of the earring. By the same token, the pendant hearts can be worn separately but in either they are truly captivating. The precious Sterling Silver ring is extra wide. Both the ring and earrings are engraved with the words "Starting Line" and "No. 1" in the "McNon" design with two pendant hearts suitable for engraving initials of loved ones. Both the ring and earrings become more attractive and sentimental the longer they are worn.

195
EACH
10 DAYS
TRIAL

Sterling Silver RING
and Matching
EARRINGS

SEND NO MONEY

Mail the coupon today. Your package will be sent to you in 10 days. \$1.00 each plus a five cent mailing cost and 25¢ Tax. Tax for either the ring or earrings on arrival. **SEND NO MONEY** with order. Wear 10 days on money back guarantee.

Hollywood Photo Folder

SEND TODAY **GIVEN**

If you order **BOTH** the Ring AND Earrings and send your order PROMPTLY. Beautiful, genuine leather photo folder. (comes with pictures of two popular movie stars.)

EMPIRE DIAMOND CO., Dept. E-E-A, Jefferson, Iowa
want to receive one of your special bargains often. Please check one or more of the following:

Extra Wide Band Ring Matching Sterling Silver Pendant Heart Earrings
 The Silver "Forget-Me-Not" Ring

I understand I can return my order within 10 days for any reason and you will refund promptly.

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Ring Size _____

Beautiful Simulated BIRTHSTONE RING GIVEN AWAY

Also Other
Valuable Gifts.

Smart, new, dainty, Sterling Silver Ring set with sparkling simulated Birthstone correct for your birth date—**GIVEN** for selling only 5 boxes of Gold Crown Spot Remover and Cleaner at 25¢ each and returning the money collected. Dozens of other useful and valuable gifts (Heir, Pens, Bracelets, Rings, Lockets, Costume Jewelry, etc.) are also offered in our free catalog-circular, send name and address today for order and catalog to start.

Just Send The Coupon
We TRUST You

Many feel it's lucky
to wear their birth-

stone. Send coupon today.

GOLD CROWN PRODUCTS, Dept. E-E-A, Jefferson, Iowa

Enclose this coupon in an envelope or paste it on a postcard and mail it to **GOLD CROWN PRODUCTS**, Dept. E-E-A, Jefferson, Iowa, for order to start.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

I would like
to have you send
me.



Powerful Telephone
for reaching Name
Given for selling 10 boxes.